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1. ADDITIONAL COPIES OF SELF-HELP AGREEMENT AIR POUCHES TO  
KIRKPATRICK AND HILLSON SEPTEMBER 12. SYLIS REFERRED TO  
THEREIN ARE RPT ARE GUINEAN-OWNED.

2. CONSTRUCTION. PLANNED CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDING IS  
IN BLUEPRINT STAGE. LAND HAS BEEN ACQUIRED NEAR RATOMA,  
A CONAKRY SUBURB. GUINEANS HOPE TO HAVE SUBSTANTIAL PART  
OF CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED BY END OF YEAR, BUT THIS SEEMS  
OPTIMISTIC. FORMER BUILDING REMAINS IN USE UNTIL NEW ONE  
FINISHED. AS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED, GUINEANS WOULD GREATLY  
APPRECIATE CONSTRUCTION HINTS -- SIMPLE SPECIFICATIONS  
PROPOSED IN REFTEL FOR EXAMPLE -- THAT MIGHT HELP THEM TO  
INCORPORATE ANY FEATURES SPECIFICALLY BENEFICIAL TO  
TEACHING DEAF CHILDREN, OF WHICH LOCAL ARCHITECTS OTHERWISE  
WOULD BE UNAWARE.

3. EQUIPMENT. GUINEANS HAVE PROCURED NO RPT NO  
EQUIPMENT FOR SCHOOL. THEY COUNT ON HEW/HEBER ADVICE  
PLUS - LATER -- RECOMMENDATIONS OF VISITING U.S.  
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SPECIALIST. PORTABLE SOUND CHAMBER COULD BE SHIPPED  
USING SELF-HELP ALLOTMENT -- AIR FREIGHT IF WEIGHT  
MODERATE -- OR VIA AIR POUCH IF IT COULD BE DISMANTLED  
INTO SMALL ENOUGH SECTIONS. EMBASSY HAD ENVISAGED  
EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AS MOST APPROPRIATE AND CHIEF USE  
OF SELF-HELP FUNDS, HOPING THAT HEW OR PRIVATE  
INSTITUTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS COULD COVER DOLLAR COSTS OF

U.S. PERSONNEL (BELOW).

4. U.S. PERSONNEL. BUDGET SUBMITTED WITH GUINEAN PROPOSAL TO HEW (CONAKRY 1417 AND MAINLAND-MCCAVITT LETTER OF AUGUST 11, 1977) CONTAINED OUR BEST ESTIMATE GMF WHAT EXPENSES CAN BE COVERED WITH SYLIS. IF HEW CONCURS, WE CAN APPROACH GUINEANS TO SEEK LODGING, LOCAL TRANSPORT, AND 5000 SYLIS PER MONTH FOR VISITING SPECIALIST (THIS IS SAME ARRANGEMENT UNDER WHICH CLEVELAND MCKINNEY, U.S. BASKETBALL COACH, WILL BE OPERATING THIS FALL IN COACHING GUINEAN TEAMS). EMBASSY CAN FURNISH FOOD; ESTIMATE COST 3,000 U.S. DOLLARS FOR SIX MONTHS.

5. HEW COUNTERPART FUNDING. SEE NO PROBLEM IN STRETCHING OUT BUDGET OVER TWO OR THREE YEARS VICE ONE. GUINEANS SAY THEY HAVE SO FAR SPENT LESS THAN FOUR MILLION SYLIS, FROM SELF-HFZP AGREEMENT'S SUM TOTAL OF 10.5 RPT 10.5 MILLION, FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION. IT IS THEREFORE LIKELY THAT WITH GUINEAN CONCURRENCE, AT LEAST SOME ADDITIONAL SYLIS FOR OTHER EXPENSES CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM THIS SOURCE.

6. EMBASSY AND GUINEANS GREATLY APPRECIATE CARE AND EFFORT BEING GIVEN TO PROJECT BY HEBER AND WASHINGTON  
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OFFICES. GUINEANS AWARE OF DECEMBER 31, 1977 DEADLINE ON EXPENDITURE OF CURRENTLY DESIGNATED SELF-HELP MONEY (SEE AGREEMENT).  
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